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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
United States Senator  
409 JFK Federal Building  
Boston, MA 02203

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Dear Senator Kennedy:

Your letter to the Director of Legislative Affairs regarding the Commission's "emerging technologies" proceeding, ET Docket No. 92-9, has been referred to me for reply. Your constituent, Gregory T. Hopkins, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Windata, Inc., expresses support for the Commission's proposal to provide spectrum for emerging technologies, particularly unlicensed devices, and urges that the proceeding not be delayed.

U.S. technological leadership and competitiveness is a driving force in the Commission's efforts to identify and allocate spectrum for new technologies. The primary issue before the Commission is finding ways to strike a balance in spectrum allocation policies that will accommodate new technologies while ensuring that existing users can maintain and enhance the quality of their present operations. The Commission is committed to finding a way to accommodate these competing interests in the emerging technologies proceeding.

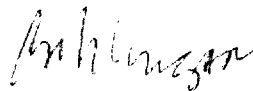
The Commission recently adopted two proposals that address these issues. On July 16, 1992, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314, to allocate portions of the 2 GHz band for PCS if this band is allocated for emerging technologies in ET Docket No. 92-9. Additionally, on August 5, 1992, at the request of existing 2 GHz licensees and equipment manufacturers, the Commission adopted Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket No. 92-9, proposing specific regulations to facilitate access by the incumbent 2 GHz licensees to the bands above 3 GHz. I have enclosed copies of these actions.

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy

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Please be assured that before the Commission makes a final decision in these proceedings we will carefully consider the views of your constituent. In this regard, I am making his letter part of the record in ET Docket No. 92-9.

Sincerely,

  
for Thomas P. Stanley  
Chief Engineer

Enclosures

Tom M.

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Gregory T Hopkins	inq re: wireless cable TV

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REMARKS: Respond to the attention of Ms. McPhee in the Boston, MA office.

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and give you the due date. V. Hart.

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Respectfully referred to:

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Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim  
Director, Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

*Edward M. Kennedy*

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Form #2



April 7, 1992

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
John F. Kennedy Building  
Room 409  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Dear Senator Kennedy:

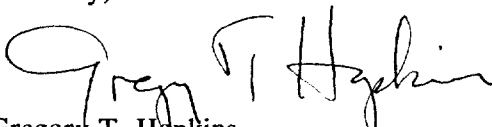
The FCC has recently taken steps to reallocate a portion of the radio spectrum as an emerging technology band. The definition of services of this band has been described as PCS and Data-PCS by a number of proponent companies. Windata Inc., believes that this band offers an amazing opportunity for the United States to lead a revolution in portable computing and wireless data communications.

Windata's focus is wireless in-building networking. Application for this new bandwidth includes portable medical information systems, wireless classroom, and flexible offices. Other companies are working on wireless in-building digital voice capabilities and advanced portable computer hardware and software to build on these communications capabilities. Still others have plans to provide similar services over wide geographic areas providing a seamless local and wide area networking capability. As you can sense, we are very excited about these future capabilities.

We firmly believe that an unlicensed bandwidth allocation in the emerging technologies band is key to the success of these revolutionary products. We actively support the initiatives by the FCC in the emerging technologies band and are also concerned that both Europe and Japan are currently moving more aggressively than the United States. We believe that the concerns of current users of these bands can be addressed technically and operationally. Windata is working with a number of communications companies to address these technical concerns. I urge you to support the forward thinking efforts of the FCC in reallocating radio spectrum for emerging technologies.

I would be happy to meet with you or your staff to provide more information on this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Gregory T. Hopkins  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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